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SIGMA NU EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

This Foundation secures and provides resources to support the educational and charitable initiatives of Sigma Nu Fraternity. The spring issue of *The Delta* recognized the following Delta Delta brothers who donated from July 1, 2022, to December 31, 2023.

William Corbin, ΔΔ730

William Eggert, ΔΔ553

David Fencil, ΔΔ913

Robert Free, ΔΔ586

Doneal Gersh, ΔΔ949

Andrew Hackett, ΔΔ1361*

Philip Lucas, ΔΔ983

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Robert Seuffert Jr., ΔΔ1255

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William Snyder, ΔΔ1123

Sean Tate, ΔΔ1254

David Wittman, ΔΔ1026

**A footnote states that Brother Hackett is a White Star Club donor, denoting a lifetime giving level of \$10,000-\$24,999. Other donor amounts were not included.*

HONOR ROLL

Effective June 30, 2024, the following brothers have donated a total of \$3,118 to the Re-Colonization Fund since the publication of our spring 2024 *Delta Delta*.

Legion of Honor:

Robert Free, ΔΔ586

William Hoffman, ΔΔ933

Daniel McManus, ΔΔ1089

Robert Nelson, ΔΔ916

Thomas Waigand, ΔΔ1098

Knights:

Robert Cross, ΔΔ1234

William Eggert, ΔΔ553

John Forstmeier, ΔΔ1499

Daniel Land, ΔΔ678

William Longworth, ΔΔ1547

David Mordan, ΔΔ896

Carl Olson, ΔΔ852

Raymond Rod, ΔΔ791

Richard Saylor, ΔΔ872

Albert Schmitt, ΔΔ1061

Robert Teetsell, ΔΔ703

Michael Zecca, ΔΔ1327

Carl Schaaf, ΔΔ1227

Robert Brunner, ΔΔ1077

Gerald Miletics, ΔΔ967

Rock Club:

Richard Kramer, ΔΔ977

David Wittman, ΔΔ1026

Other:

Thomas Armstrong, ΔΔ1041

Due to the generous support of our alumni and friends, the Re-Colonization Fund now stands at \$38,083. Many thanks to all for their continuing support.

RE-COLONIZATION

The Critical Next Step

That step is **the formation of the Alumni Advisory Board (AAB).**

We need volunteers! Several brothers have expressed interest, but we need more. Will you be one of those?

Immediate importance: Without a complete and functional AAB, the General Fraternity (aka “National”) will not support re-colonization.

The purpose of the AAB is simple:

- 1** Provide professional perspective to undergraduate officers.
- 2** Give feedback on action plans to help create a “culture” for long-term success.
- 3** Keep the team of alumni up to date on chapter operations.

The AAB positions are:

AAB Chairman
Colony/Chapter Advisor
Financial Advisor
LEAD* Advisor
Social and Risk Reduction Advisor
Recruitment Advisor
Alumni Relations Advisor

Fraternity-wide guidance is available for each of these positions, and Delta Delta colony/chapter-specific guidance will be available for several of these positions.

- Virtual training will be provided.
- **Travel is not required.** Advisory duties can be performed by telephone or video teleconference (we have a Zoom account).
- Liability insurance coverage will be provided.
- The time commitment should rarely exceed four hours each month.

Additional information is available in the form of frequently asked questions (and answers) (FAQs). If you’re interested in learning more, please contact Brother Nelson at nelsonnittany@aol.com, (H) (814) 278-8575, or (M) (703) 244-7493.

Remember, without an AAB, there will be no Delta Delta collegiate chapter and the chapter house will likely be sold.

**The LEAD Program is Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc.’s membership development program. LEAD is an acronym for Leadership, Ethics, Achievement, and Development. The purpose of LEAD is to develop ethical leaders for society, brothers who will make an impact on their chapter, campus, and community.*

EARLY INITIATIVES IN AAB RECRUITMENT

The following brothers have been instrumental in getting AAB recruitment “off and running”:

Ernie Russon, ΔΔ1014; Bill Snyder, ΔΔ1123; Mike Sweeney, ΔΔ1220; Gary Gleason, ΔΔ1247; Doug Kosydar, ΔΔ1249; Anthony Italiano, ΔΔ1256; Mike Zecca, ΔΔ1327; Kevin Smith, ΔΔ1338; Victor Schleich, ΔΔ1477; Pat Thompson, ΔΔ1400; and John Forstmeier, ΔΔ1499.

These brothers have expressed interest in serving on the AAB and/or have volunteered to recruit others. Thanks to all and keep up the great work.

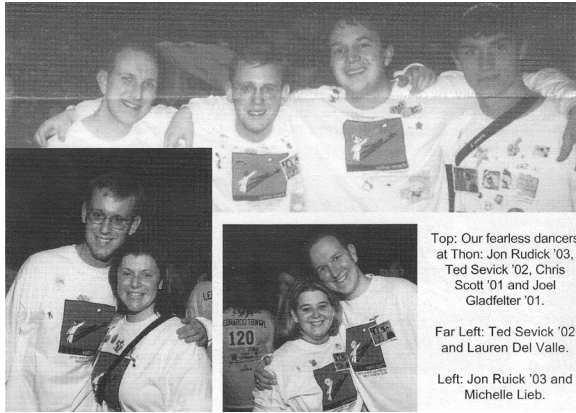
HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

Two unplanned but much needed improvements were completed this fiscal year. The water softening system, installed in 2008, was leaking and the system was no longer functioning. It was replaced in April at a cost of \$4,240. A photo of the new system (less the brine tank) follows.



We replaced our antiquated alarm system in May at a cost of \$7,092. The system was installed in 1995. It failed inspection in January. There were issues with the main panel and the detectors were at the end of their service life. Essentially everything but the bedroom smoke detectors (not part of the system) and the fire alarm pull stations were replaced.

FROM THE PAST – THON 2001



Top: Our fearless dancers at Thon: Jon Rudick '03, Ted Sevvick '02, Chris Scott '01 and Joel Gladfelter '01.

Far Left: Ted Sevvick '02 and Lauren Del Valle.

Left: Jon Ruick '03 and Michelle Lieb.

The April 2001 *Delta Delta* reported: “We recently received the Three Diamonds Award which is presented to organizations who raise \$10,000-\$24,999 for Thon ... Sigma Nu and its Thon partner sorority, Alpha Gamma Delta, raised a grand total of \$13,186 this year.”

ANNUAL ALUMNI MEETING 2024

The joint annual meeting of the Property Association and Alumni Chapter, required by our bylaws, will be held by telephone conference and Zoom beginning at 7 p.m. EDT on October 20. Agenda topics include officer and director elections (see the listing on our website using the alumni tab), financial status, plans for the year, and a brief report by **Brother Nelson**. A meeting report will be prepared and distributed.

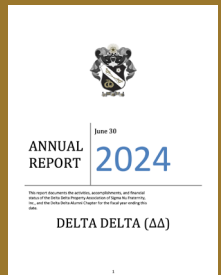
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Andy Hackett, ΔΔ1361 works professionally as the Director, Project Management at WCG (wcgclinical.com), specializing in electronic clinical outcome assessments (eCOA). WCG partners with research pharmaceutical companies, clinical research organizations, clinical sites, and study participants in navigating the clinical research journey.

Having worked in clinical project management for nearly 20 years, Brother Hackett’s deep experience in collaboration, stakeholder engagement, and structuring operational frameworks has helped him and his teams achieve success in bringing medical treatments to market. In addition, he owns Hackett Hobby Farm, where he and his partner raise poultry, specialty livestock, and vegetables for their local region. He is also a three-time Ironman finisher.

Brother Hackett was Delta Delta Eminent Commander from 2001-03 among other collegiate roles. He has a bachelor’s of science degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from Penn State and an MBA from UNC Chapel Hill. He lives in southern New Hampshire.

ANNUAL ALUMNI REPORT



The joint annual report of the Delta Delta Alumni Chapter and Delta Delta Property Association of Sigma Nu Fraternity was issued on July 16, 2023. The report is posted on our website at sigma-nu-psu.org under “news and events” as “annual report.” Alternatively, you can request a copy by sending an email to nelsonnittany@aol.com.

HOMECOMING 2024

The annual Homecoming game will be September 28 against Illinois. Kickoff is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. or later. **Brother Nelson** will host a BYOB tailgate at his reserved space (#9432) in lot 31, beginning approximately four hours before kickoff.

His space is about 50 yards east of Medlar Field along the third base line, as extended. He’ll have a white EZ Up canopy and fly a PSU logo flag over a VA Tech flag. All are invited to join him. The complete university Homecoming schedule can be found at homecoming.psu.edu.



REGIONAL EVENTS COMING TO A LOCATION NEAR YOU

The General Fraternity (aka National) has generated a listing of Delta Delta alumni by 60+ different “metro pockets.” Using this listing, we hope to organize regional alumni get-togethers to enhance alumni engagement. Watch for details via mail and/or email.

ALUMNI NEWS

Bill William Eggert '50, ΔΔ553 is not up to much at age 96. He exercises six days a week and is a big believer in prayer. Bill is a student of eschatology. In his work life, he was in sales and a consultant for leadership development.

Daniel Land '57, ΔΔ678 has lived in Jackson Hole, Wyo., for about 25 years and, "As I am approaching 89, I'm in reasonably decent shape!" He retired from Bethlehem Steel after 36 years of service, much of it in the field sales organization, and as general manager of customer service. Currently active in the episcopal church, Daniel is singing in the choir.

Richard Hobbs '63, ΔΔ783 shared his many career accolades from a master's degree to real estate investment and managing two H&R Block offices. Richard has four children, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He has lived and traveled in 49 states and to 40 countries so far.

Raymond Rod '62, ΔΔ791 recently moved into a continuing care community by Erickson called Highland Springs in Plano, Texas.

Russell Wright '67, ΔΔ859 moved back to Michigan with Elaine after 20 years in the mountains of New Mexico. They traded 80 acres, horses, dogs, and cats for a 1938 1,600-square-foot home within walking distance of shops. They loved NM but are glad to be near their son.



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IN MEMORIAM

The timing, length, and level of detail in the following notices are based on the availability of death notices (e.g., PennStater Magazine), online obituaries, and space limitations.

James R. Johnston, ΔΔ634, 91, passed away peacefully on April 17, 2024, at his home in Mt. Laurel, N.J.



Brother Johnston was a 1954 alumnus of Penn State University. Brother Johnston earned his Bachelor of Arts degree and was a proud brother of the Sigma Nu Fraternity, a tradition his grandson **Michael Delo, ΔΔ1394**, would later follow. His commitment to education and fraternity life spoke to the leadership and friendships that would characterize his later pursuits. He honorably served his country in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany.

If desired, in honor of his alma mater and his grandson Michael, memorial donations may be made to the Michael Delo Memorial Scholarship Fund for enrolled Penn State University Students at inmemof.org/james-r-johnston or sent to P.O. Box 364, Marlton, NJ 08053.

Brother Robert E. Donohue, ΔΔ672, baptized into the hope of Christ's resurrection on Saturday, February 24, 2024. He was the beloved husband of Genevieve "Jeni" Donohue (née Baker). Bob was born in Pottsville, Pa., on December 31, 1934. He graduated from Penn State University in 1956 and moved to St. Louis as an employee of the U.S. Steel Corporation. In 1960, he joined friends to start Mid-America Steel Company, a specialty steel distributorship. He became president and sole owner in 1968 and

went on to establish a location in Tulsa, Okla., and a machining operation, Precision Tool Company, in St. Louis. Brother Donohue and his wife enjoyed traveling, whether on land or on cruises. They wanted to see as much of the beautiful world as they could, and he enjoyed being involved in charity work.

John Sheldon Chatham, ΔΔ728, of Princeton and Stone Harbor, N.J., passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, July 25, 2023. Born on December 24, 1934, and raised in Haverford Township, Pa., Brother Chatham graduated from Haverford High School and Pennsylvania State University where he was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity and the Army ROTC. He served in the U.S. Army for five years and rose to the rank of captain. Immediately following the military, John joined Ethicon Inc., a Johnson & Johnson company, where he spent his entire career of 38 years. After retiring in 2002, he volunteered his time working with Habitat for Humanity, serving as president of the Trenton area organization.

David Jule Packo, ΔΔ847, 78, of Lindenhurst, Ill., passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Monday, June 13, 2022, at Advocate Condell Medical Center, Libertyville, Ill. He was born February 27, 1944, in Union City, Pa. On May 8, 1965, David married Carol Lee Brady in State College, Pa. He loved the mountains and taking his Jeep off-roading. He courageously battled and fought cancer his entire adult life.

Brother David J. Maxwell, ΔΔ955, of Augusta, Ga., born in Pittsburgh, Pa., passed away on May 19, 2022, leaving to mourn family and friends. If so desired, memorials may be made to Wesley Music Ministry.